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'Balangay' off to Asian waters the ancients' way

By DJ Yap

AFTER EIGHT MONTHS of navigating rough waters along the Philippine coast, the intrepid crew of a "balangay" (a precolonial boat) will sail off to a new adventure—to conquer the seas of neighbor countries in Southeast Asia.

Manned by members of the First

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Noy's cozy press dinner at Palace not rained out

By TJ Burgonio

FACED WITH the enormous task of putting the country in order, President Aquino is hoping for friendly, if not cozy, relations with the media.

He ignored the heavy rains brought by Typhoon "Basyang" and hosted dinner for a

NOY'S COZY A10

De Lima fears AFP hand in new killings

'Coincidence or is Oplan vs Reds still operating?'

By Norman Bordadora

MILITARY MEN may be responsible for the rash of extrajudicial killings occurring under the fledgling administration of President Aquino, according to Justice Secretary Leila de Lima.

"How do you explain these killings? Coincidence?" De Lima said yesterday when asked if Oplan Bantay Laya, the preceding administration's counterinsurgency program that employed the strategy of tracking down on purported communist front organizations and their members, was still in operation, or if military agents were still going after leftist activists.

"Why are these things still happening? Look at their MO (modus operandi)—motorcycle-riding men in tandem, in ski masks. [It's] all too familiar," she said.

De Lima also said there might be groups bent on embarrassing the new administration.

"What is the agenda? Why is it, with the government still new in power, these things happen?" she said, adding:

"Is it just a continuation? Are there remnants, or a combination of both? There would always be groups who would make trouble to shame the government."

Five activists, including three members of the militant Alliance of Concerned Teachers

DE LIMA A6

Shame her but can't get rid of Merci, says GMA ally

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr. and Christian V. Esguerra

YOU CAN SHAME HER, but you can't get rid of her.

That's Rep. Edcel Lagman's take on the controversy surrounding Ombudsman Merceditas Gutierrez.

Lagman, a member of the erstwhile ruling Lakas-Kampi-CMD who is expected to emerge as the next House minority leader, advised Gutierrez to keep her cool and just ignore the warnings from Malacañang to impeach her.

"The mere fact that you are close to a previous incumbent is not sufficient to remove you from the office and investigation is a process. And we should give a quasi-judicial authority adequate time to finish the process. You cannot do that overnight," the Albay representative said.

"The Ombudsman missed the point. She still need reminding, probably that she'll not be impeached for being a friend of (Arroyo), but for serious flaws in the performance of her duties," former Sen. Aquilino Pimentel Jr. said in a phone interview.

Justice Secretary Leila de Li

SHAME A11

Noynoy open to tapping nuke energy

By Leila B. Salaverria

PRESIDENT AQUINO is open to the possibility of tapping nuclear energy to solve the country's power shortages but is reluctant to rebuild a nuclear plant his mother mothballed 24 years ago for being a faulty, graft-tainted legacy of the Marcos dictatorship.

The pronouncement could rekindle a hotly debated campaign spearheaded by Mr. Aquino's cousin, then Pangasinan Rep. Mark Cojuangco, during the last Congress and now being revived by Cojuangco's wife and successor.

At the height of his election campaign in March, Mr. Aquino told the Inquirer that "I would rather exhaust other means than resort to nuclear power. We have other particularly solar sources of renewable energy."

Facing reporters at Camp Aguinaldo in Quezon City on

NOYNOY A11



UNDER THE WEATHER Elementary students cover themselves from Typhoon "Basyang's" rains as they ride on a motorcycle home from Epifanio de Los Santos Elementary School in Paco, Manila. Classes were suspended as the country experienced its first typhoon this year.

'Basyang' to slam Central Luzon today

By Marlon Ramos, Alcuin Papa and Inquirer Southern Luzon

NATIONAL DISASTER management officials yesterday said preparations for Typhoon "Basyang" were already in place, with food rations and emergency equipment distributed to local welfare offices.

Basyang (international name: Conson), the country's first typhoon of the year, is set to slam into Central Luzon early Wednesday morning while making its way across Luzon before exiting into the South China Sea through Subic.

Nineteen fishermen have already been reported missing in Catanduanes. The military and Coast Guard have launched a search for the fishermen who ventured to sea despite the rough weather.

"Now, we have prepositioning of personnel, equipment and other things that should be prepared. There was a time when we were caught unprepared," said retired Maj. Gen. Benito Ramos, administrator of the Office of Civil Defense (OCD).

Last year, authorities were caught flat-

BASYANG A11

'Jueteng' lords now more than 30, says Bishop Cruz

By Dona Pazzibugan and Marlon Ramos

A LEADING crusader against "jueteng," Archbishop Emeritus Oscar Cruz, yesterday said his group had identified "more than 30" active jueteng lords and he would provide Interior Secretary Jesse Robredo with the names to help the government stamp out the illegal numbers racket.

Cruz said his group identified eight to 14 such jueteng bosses six years ago, but their numbers had grown and continued to grow.

In the wake of Cruz's disclosure, the Philippine National Police admitted that eradicating the highly popular but illegal racket would be an uphill job.

Speaking at a weekly news forum sponsored by the Catholic Media Network in Manila, the 75-year-old bishop cited Batangas, Pampanga and Pangasinan as the areas with the most active jueteng operations.

Cruz declined to publicly release the names of the gambling lords on his list.

"We will give him (Robredo) all the names so he would know who these are because their number is increasing. They used to be around 14 but now they're more than 30," Cruz said.

President Aquino the other day said that eradicating jueteng was "a low priority" for him.

JUETENG A10



SINGSON Ex-president, Maynilad Water; ex-director of Metro Pacific



ALMENDRAS Ex-president, Manila Water; ex-treasurer of the Aboitiz group



DE JESUS Ex-president, Meralco; ex-executive vice president of PLDT



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'Conflict of interest' haunts 4 Cabinet men

By Gil C. Cabacungan Jr.

PRESIDENT AQUINO'S decision to pick executives from big business for key Cabinet posts has placed his administration in potential conflict-of-interest situations, particularly in state-regulated enterprises, such as power, water, telecommunications and toll roads, lawmakers noted yesterday.

They said the big business appointments were a growing public concern because they were identified with four of the most influential business conglomerates in the country—the Ayala, Lopez, Aboitiz and Metro Pacific groups—in positions with powers to make or unmake

CONFLICT A10

Second FrontPage

No more food-for-school

Gov't to scrap program due to leakage, will expand cash dole

THE GOVERNMENT IS EYEING THE ABOLITION of the Arroyo administration's food-for-school program and instead channel resources to expand the conditional cash transfer program, a scheme that helped many Filipinos survive the financial crisis.

Noy, Imelda shake hands





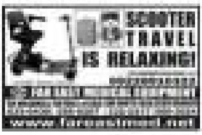


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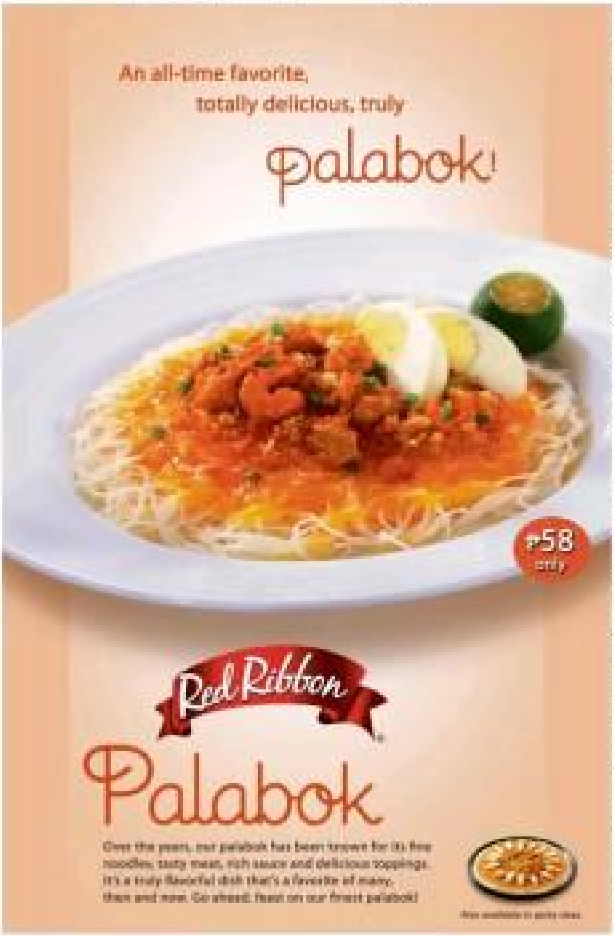


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HOW TO GET TO INCA



CONIC INTERNATIONAL "Balangay" expedition leader Art Valdez presents the route of the three native boats to several Southeast Asian countries during a press conference at the Department of Transportation and Communications office.

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Diplomatic protocols

Coastal route

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Three boats



DENR to give seized logs for classrooms

By Alcuin Papa

THE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT and Natural Resources (DENR) is set to donate some 1.27 million board feet of confiscated wood products worth P18 million to the Department of Education (DepEd) for the construction of school buildings, chairs, desks and other school facilities.

DENR Secretary Ramon Paje said in the following days he would discuss with DepEd Secretary Bro. Armin Luistro how to turn over the wood products which consist mostly of logs, flitches (the longitudinal section of a log) and lumber.

"Since the wood products are located in the different regions, we ordered our field officers to get in touch and liaise with local DepEd officials to prepare for the turnover," Paje said yesterday in a press conference.

On his first day as Environment Secretary, Paje said he would donate illegally cut wood products to the DepEd instead of auctioning them off because illegal loggers would end up bidding for the wood and selling them at higher prices.

The DENR said some 992,710 board feet of confiscated wood products came from Mindanao. Out of that number, 399,492 board feet were recovered from illegal loggers in [illegible]. Zamboanga Peninsula accounted for 120,000 board feet; Davao, 94,701 board feet; Northern Mindanao Region, 75,793 board feet; Caraga region, 18,975 board feet; Soccsksargen region, 16,083 board feet.

In Luzon, the Mimaropa Region topped the list with 81,880 board feet followed by the Cagayan Valley with 37,650 board feet. The Ilocos Region accounted for 16,882 board feet; Cordillera Administrative Region, 13,022 board feet; Bicol Region, 12,500 board feet; Calabarzon area, 12,321 board feet; Central Luzon, 2,138 board feet; National Capital Region, 92 board feet.

Corrections

IN THE JULY 9 ISSUE, an article on Page A4—"Hyatt 10 mark 5th anniversary"—misstated the name of a member of President Arroyo's Cabinet who resigned in 2005. The ex-Cabinet member is Imelda—not [illegible]—Nicolas.

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IN THE JULY 10 ISSUE, an Across the Nation story on Page A6—"[illegible]"—misstated the year when the late President Ferdinand Marcos declared martial law. He declared martial law in 1972—not 1973.

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IN THE JULY 12 ISSUE, a front page article—[illegible]—misstated that [illegible] became chief of the Bureau of Customs a day after he was suspended from playing at the Alabang Country Club. [illegible] The country club issued the suspension order against [illegible]; it takes effect on July 15.

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By Norman Bordadora

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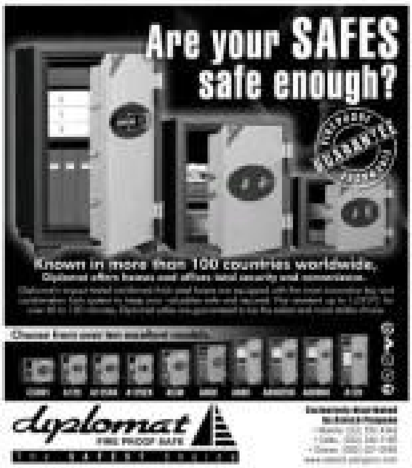
Contempt case

Parricide case vs Ruby Rose husband on hold on Agra's order

By Norman Bordadora

Steel-drum concrete





DEAR PRESIDENT NOYNOY AQUINO

You said in your well-applauded inaugural address last June 30: *"We will increase collections and fight corruption in the Bureau of Internal Revenue and Bureau of Customs in order to fund our objectives for the public welfare..."*

You also said that we, the Filipino people, can bring our concerns to you directly because, to borrow your own words, we are *"your boss."*

In this light, we are imploring you to once and for all put a stop to the well-reported technical smuggling of Turkish flour into the country by some unscrupulous traders and their protectors at Customs.

In 2009 alone, it is estimated that government lost at least P50 million in duties and other taxes due to the undervaluation of Turkish flour entering our ports.

If Turkish flour smuggling goes unchecked, it could translate to billions of pesos in foregone government revenues in the six years of your administration. Likewise, it will undermine your avowed stance that *"if no one is corrupt, no one will be poor."*



Mr. President, as you read this, please consider that many of our countrymen unknowingly eat pandesal made from low-nutrient Turkish flour mixed with local flour to mask the former's inferior quality.

Thus, this matter requires your immediate and decisive action because some greedy traders are only too willing to endanger our people's health and well-being just so they can make huge profits.

Again, in closing, we go back to your inspiring inaugural speech, Mr. President:

"To our impoverished countrymen, starting today, your government will be your champion."

Pinoy math wizard aces HK contest

THE DAILY GOSPEL





De Lima fears AFP hand in new killings

Not yet interrogated

Not solely to blame

Fulfill promise

Shock, sadness

Local military unit





Boracay business owners up in arms over Lim remarks

By Nestor P. Burgos Jr.
Inquirer Visayas

ILOILO CITY—BUSINESS OWNers on Boracay Tuesday scored Tourism Secretary Alberto Lim for painting an unflattering picture of the island and suggesting that tourists visit other less-crowded destinations in an interview with an international wire service.

Boracay Foundation Inc. (BFI), composed of owners of hotels, restaurants and resorts on the famous island, said it was "unfair" of Lim to paint a negative picture of Boracay without pointing out that measures were being taken to address long-running development and environmental concerns.

"It was unfair of him to issue that statement as tourism secretary. We believe he was just misinformed," said BFI chair Henry Chusuey in a phone interview with the Inquirer.

In an Agence France-Presse article last week that appeared in several local dailies, including the Inquirer, Lim was quoted as saying that Boracay had become "massively overdeveloped."

He also said the island had sewerage problems, which he blamed for the algae in the sea water at certain times of the year.

"That's totally untrue. The algae has been there even before the structures were built and it's not fair to say without scientific proof that they were caused by sewerage problems," Chusuey said.

He said that if the algae was caused by sewerage problems, it would be present the whole year instead of only in March and April.

Lim had also said in the article that Boracay was becoming too commercialized like Phuket, the popular Thai beach destination.

Chusuey acknowledged that there were illegal structures on the island and that the issue should be addressed by the local government and government agencies. He said the problem was not over-development but compliance with building regulations on the island.

As for the sewerage problem, "these concerns have been addressed but the secretary may be unaware of this," Chusuey said.

He cited the P1.2-billion investment of Manila Water in the water and sewerage service on the island.

Manila Water took over the Boracay Water and Sewerage Service in January with a 25-year concession in a joint venture with the Philippine Tourism Authority (PTA) and formed the Boracay Island Water Company (BIWC). Manila Water took an 80-percent controlling stake in BIWC while the PTA has 20 percent.

Charlie Uy, president of the Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry-Boracay, said he was able to talk to Lim who told him he was "quoted out of context" by AFP.

"I talked to him and he told me he will write a letter to business groups and the local government to clarify the report," said Uy in a separate phone interview Tuesday.

Uy said Lim also denied suggesting that tourists go to destinations other than Boracay because of the congestion on the island.

"He said that what he meant was he was citing the improvement of current destinations and the development of more sites," Uy said.

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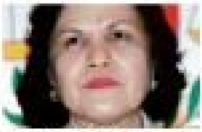
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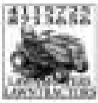
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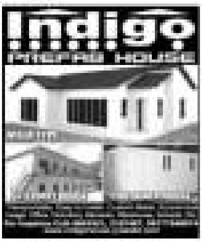
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Corruption is not just bribes

























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No infighting in media staff, says Palace

By TJ Burgonio

MALACAÑANG yesterday denied that the new "communications group" organized by President Aquino to replace the Office of the Press Secretary was riven by infighting.

"There are no factions," Secretary Edwin Lacierda told reporters in a Malacañang briefing. "We're one unified team, and we're here to advance the advocacies of the President."

The presidential spokesperson said he had just come from a meeting of the group, where they talked about how they'll be working with each other, and making sure the message and dissemination is done properly.

According to blogs, the two key personalities tapped to head the group—former BusinessWorld columnist and Asian Institute of Management professor Herminio "Sonny" Coloma and former ABS-CBN news anchor Ricky Carandang—are coming from two different camps. Internet buzz has it that Mr. Aquino's cousin Maria Montelibano, who handled the media during the campaign, was supposedly backing Coloma, while the Liberal Party and "Hyatt 10" group was supporting Carandang.

New setup

Mr. Aquino is set to issue anytime an executive order creating the group and spelling out its structure and composition, which is expected to be different from those of the Office of the Press Secretary (OPS).

Lacierda said this entailed the "wide-ranging restructuring" of the OPS, hence, the delay in the formal announcement of its composition and structure.

The new setup, he stressed, was consistent with Mr. Aquino's "idea of a communications group," meaning it has to deliver his message and respond quickly to feedback from the public.

"Based on that mandate, we fashioned a structure consistent with the vision of communications," he said.

Lacierda said the old setup under the Office of the Press Secretary was "outmoded" in the sense that it was no longer attuned to the "24/7 cycle of news."

"Let's not forget that the Office of the Press Secretary is not designed to handle the 24/7 cycle of the present news. On top of that, we need to address concerns from Twitter, Facebook, and instant complaints and responses," he said.

To make it receptive to the era of Facebook and Twitter, the executive department decided to divide the job of the press secretary into "media operations" and "messaging," Lacierda indicated.

Rationalizing OPS

"The structure will be designed along those lines because you need to rationalize the Office of the Press Secretary," he said, but stressed: "Having said that, they will be working hand in hand with each other, together with the office of the spokesperson."

The media operations will be handled by a media director, and the messaging, by a communications director. Coloma was tapped to handle media operations, and Carandang, the messaging, according to Malacañang sources.

As part of the rationalization of the OPS, the Philippine Information Agency and its attached government TV networks and radio stations will come directly under the communications group.

"In the old setup, you've got a lot of attached agencies. You don't see harmony," he said.

Responding to questions, Lacierda said that Mr. Aquino has the power to reorganize the OPS under the Revised Administrative Code.











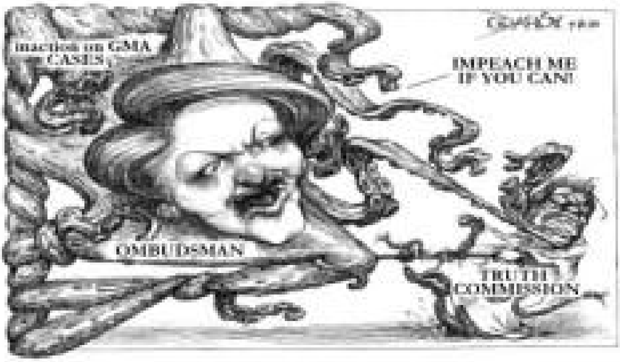
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Boy killed, 5 hurt in Maguindanao blast

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COTABATO CITY—The bomb that killed a 7-year-old boy and wounded five others in Datu Piang, Maguindanao, on Monday night could be related to a feud between Mayor Samer Uy and a relative in the Moro Islamic Liberation Front (MILF), authorities said.

Lightning strikes 18 cops at training camp

OPEN LETTER TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES HIS EXCELLENCY PRESIDENT BENIGNO SIMEON "NOYNOY" C. AQUINO, III

WE, the undersigned representatives of the different sectors of society of the City of Naga, Camarines Sur, as an extreme course of action, have resorted to the printing and publication of this open letter to strongly denounce the leadership and competence of the Register of Deeds for the City of Naga, Atty. Greta Filio-Paraiso.

Naga City, thru the leadership of its elected officials and the other agencies of the Government, had been in the forefront, national and international, showcasing how the joint efforts of the government and the different sectors of society, the business community, financial institutions, private entrepreneurs and other stakeholders, could lead the nation in the development of the community. In the course of the pro-active and joint efforts of all concerned, Naga City has been classified and shown to the whole world as one of the most progressive and friendly places in the nation where one's efforts could result in the success of any endeavour, not just within the City but as well of its environs, such that the City Government and other agencies have been receiving accolades in recognition of their tireless efforts.

However, the continued progress of Naga City has been squarely put in question by reason of one government agency's incomprehensible refusal to be one of the active partners in the continuing quest for the city's development. Since 2007, concerned sectors have had, are having, and continue to have, problems in transacting business at the Register of Deeds for Naga City, more particularly with its head, Atty. Greta Filio-Paraiso, due to her lackluster and apathetic attitude in the performance of her agency's mandate, resulting in inferior delivery of service to its clients as well as causing undue prejudice and damage to the banking, financing, realty and entrepreneurial businesses.

The problem became so prevalent that the different sectors, spearheaded by the Metro Naga Chamber of Commerce and Industry, were forced to issue two resolutions, namely Resolution No. 2008-009 dated 12 June 2008 and a March 2010 Resolution, all addressed and delivered to Land Registration Authority Administrator Benedicto B. Ulep, both pleading and requesting for the immediate action on the concerns raised in the said resolutions.

Dialogues had with the concerned officials of LRA in June 2008 and on 23 March 2010 and the concerted efforts of the different sectors to provide the much needed computer equipment and manpower to the office of the Naga City Register of Deeds proved futile, notwithstanding the open admission by Administrator Ulep that, indeed, the problem is not the system but Atty. Greta Filio-Paraiso herself, and the same problems still plague all the concerned sectors in their dealing with the said office. Moreover, even requests for consultations and dialogue with Atty. Paraiso have been denied for no apparent reasons, clearly showing Atty. Paraiso's lack of interest to resolve issues affecting her office that unconstructively affect the competence of her office, which refutes and runs counter to the city's reputation as a business-friendly city.

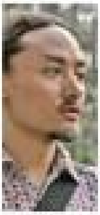
We, therefore, IMPLORE His Excellency, President Benigno Simeon "Noynoy" C. Aquino, III to look into this matter in order to once and for all put an end to the long festering problems plaguing the Naga City Register of Deeds which hinder the continuing progress of Naga City and its environs. Thus, we strongly request the immediate relief of Atty. Greta Filio-Paraiso as the Naga City Registrar of Deeds and her replacement with a new Register of Deeds who is fully committed to help and support Naga City's continuing quest for development.

Respectfully,

INQUIRER Northern Luzon

Viewing Tibet from Baguio

A SELF-TAUGHT Tibetan photographer and a Filipino filmmaker have brought to Baguio City a piece of Tibet, a country still struggling to be free and whose people, including those in exile, continue to long for the Dalai Lama to return and resume his rightful place as their leader.



TIBETAN photographer Tenzing Paljor

A Tibetan photographer and a Filipino filmmaker have brought to Baguio a piece of Tibet

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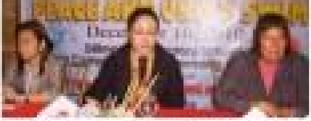
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Unexploded bomb vest found in Uganda; 4 suspects nabbed

KAMPALA—Investigators found an unexploded suicide vest with ball bearings at a disco hall in Uganda's capital, suggesting that militants had planned another attack, officials said on Tuesday.

Four "foreign" suspects were arrested in connection with the find.

The discovery of a suicide vest in a suburb of Kampala on Monday was consistent with what was seen at the two blast sites in Kampala, according to the inspector general of police, Kale Kaihura.

The vest contained ball bearings, as did the bombs that exploded on Sunday. Officials believe suicide bombers took part in the twin blasts during the World Cup final.



ONLOOKERS gather near a Kampala bar that militants bombed on Sunday while soccer fans were watching the World Cup final. AP PHOTO

"What we found here is consistent with what we found on both scenes of crime. And so this is a very significant lead in our investigation," Kaihura said.

Four people were arrested in connection with the discovery of the unexploded vest, said Edward Ochom, the director of criminal investigations.

Ochom said the four suspects were not Ugandan but would not say their nationalities. Kaihura hinted that Somali nationals could be among the arrests.

The death toll from Sunday's attack rose to 76, Kaihura said.

Al-Shabab, Somalia's most dangerous militant group, claimed responsibility for the attacks. The Islamists are calling on Uganda to withdraw its African Union peacekeeping forces from Somalia.

The claim by al-Shabab, whose fighters are trained by militant veterans of the conflicts in Afghanistan and Iraq, raises the security stakes in East Africa and has broader implications globally.

The group in the past has recruited Somali-Americans to carry out suicide bombings in Somalia's capital, Mogadishu.

Al-Shabab, an ultraconservative Islamic group that has drawn comparisons to the Taliban, has long threatened to attack outside of Somalia's borders, but the bombings late Sunday are the first time the group has done so.

"We warned Uganda not to deploy troops to Somalia, they ignored us," said Sheik Ali Mohamud Rage, al-Shabab's spokesperson.

"We warned them to stop massacring our people, and they ignored that. The explosions in Kampala were only a minor message to them. . . . We will target them everywhere if Uganda does not withdraw from our land," he added.

Rage said a second country with peacekeeping forces in Mogadishu—Burundi—could soon face attacks. Fighting in Mogadishu between militants and Somali troops or African Union peacekeepers frequently leads to the deaths of civilians.

The militants attacked two sites in Uganda's capital, one at an Ethiopian restaurant, the other at a rugby club where World Cup fans were watching the tournament's final at an outdoor screening. *AP*



WorldBriefs

Rogue Afghan soldier kills 3 British troops

KABUL—A rogue Afghan soldier fired a rocket-propelled grenade into a group of international forces early Tuesday, killing three British troops, a military spokesperson said. Four others were wounded. Afghan President Hamid Karzai sent a letter of apology to the British government, and a joint Nato-Afghan team is investigating the incident in the southern province of Helmand. *AP*

Bulldozers raze 3 east Jerusalem buildings

JERUSALEM—Israeli bulldozers destroyed three unfinished buildings on Tuesday in contested east Jerusalem, raising Palestinian charges that the municipality is resuming house demolitions after a temporary halt aimed at encouraging peace talks. Jerusalem house demolitions are a volatile issue because of conflicting Israeli and Palestinian claims to the city's eastern sector. Israel sees it as part of its city while Palestinians want it for their own future capital. Washington has condemned demolitions in the past as damaging to peace efforts. *AP*

Iran: Missing scientist surfaces in Washington

TEHRAN—Iran on Tuesday said a missing Iranian nuclear scientist had taken refuge at the Pakistani Embassy in Washington and was asking to return to his homeland. State TV reported that the scientist, Shahram Amiri, entered the embassy's office representing Iranian interests in the United States and demanded an "immediate return" to Iran. *AP*

Belfast faces big cleanup after 3 nights of riots

BELFAST—Authorities in Northern Ireland faced a major cleanup on Tuesday following two nights of sectarian rioting that left more than 50 officers injured during a major Protestant holiday. Commuters faced delays going to work as several roads were closed because of burned-out cars and other debris on some thoroughfares. Northern Ireland police said 82 officers were injured in three nights of disturbances. Police and politicians accused Irish Republican Army dissidents of orchestrating the violence following Monday's province-wide marches by the Orange Order, a British Protestant brotherhood loathed by the province's Irish Catholic minority. *AP*

Castro makes rare TV appearance

HAVANA—Cuba put seven political opponents and their families on a plane to Spain on Tuesday as part of an accord to release 52 jailed dissidents, the biggest gesture of its kind in a decade. Parallel to the release, Cuba's revolutionary leader Fidel Castro made a rare television appearance in which he warned of an "imminent" US-Israeli attack on Iran and accused the United States over the sinking of a South Korean Navy ship, which has been blamed on Stalinist North Korea. *AFP*

US vows continued pursuit of Roman Polanski

LOS ANGELES—The pursuit of Roman Polanski will continue, but only to the extent the director allows it. Authorities in the United States roundly denounced the decision by the Swiss government to set Polanski free, dealing another twist in a sex case that has spanned three decades and two continents. From prosecutors in Los Angeles to justice officials in Washington, the Swiss decision was described as a disappointment and to some, an injustice. Los Angeles County District Attorney Steve Cooley called it a "disservice to justice and other victims as a whole." The Swiss, for their part, described Polanski as "a free man." That largely depends on the director's movements. A warrant for his arrest remains active, effectively barring the 76-year-old from returning to the United States, which he fled in 1978 on the eve of sentencing for a charge of having unlawful sex with a 13-year-old girl. *AP*

Berlusconi: Bring good-looking girls over

ROME—Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi lived up to his playboy reputation on Monday, saying men from Latin countries can "appreciate pretty girls" and asking foreign ambassadors to bring some over. "Bring some good-looking girls over sometime. We would appreciate them because we are Latins," the 73-year-old told a gathering of ambassadors and business leaders from nearly 30 Mediterranean countries in Milan. "But not playboys, as in my case, I've become a play-old," he added with a grin. *AFP*



PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS BY THE AMBASSADOR OF MALAYSIA TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES 13 JULY 2010



H.E. Dato' Seri Dr. Ibrahim Saad, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Malaysia to the Republic of the Philippines presented his letter of credence to H.E. Mr. Benigno Aquino III, President of the Republic of the Philippines on Tuesday, 13 July 2010. The ceremony took place at Malacanang Palace, Manila. The previous Malaysian Ambassador to the Philippines, H.E. Dato' Ahmadi Razak Hashim ended his tour of duty on 15 October 2009.

2. During the ceremony, the Ambassador was accompanied by his spouse, Datin Seri Zainab Abdul Kadir, Mr. Zakaria Nasir, Minister-Deputy Head of Mission, Mr. Adnan Abbas, Minister Counsellor, Miss Vimala M. Murugan, Counsellor (Economic) and Mr. Hj Shah Saad, Second Secretary. The ceremony was also attended by senior government officials from the Presidential Office and the Department of Foreign Affairs.

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BUSINESS

Exports rose 38.7% in first 5 months

Electronics lead surge

EXPORTS SURGED 37.3 percent to $4.24 billion in May, a sharp turnaround from the 26.9-percent decline in the same month last year, the National Statistics Office said yesterday.

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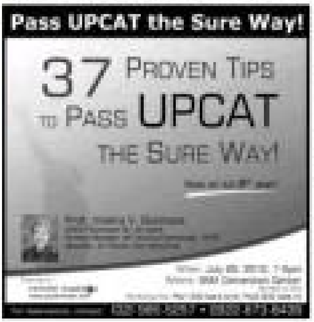
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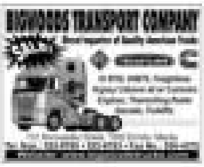


















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Business

DOTC seeks P1B in unpaid fees from MRT consortium

Sobrepeña group claims it owes gov't nothing

By Paolo G. Montecillo

THE DEPARTMENT of Transportation and Communications is running after the Sobrepeña-led consortium that built the Metro Rail Transit (MRT) system along Edsa to recover more than P1 billion in unpaid fees for the rights to develop commercial spaces in the train line's stations.

In a series of letters sent late last year, the DOTC ordered MRT Development Corp. (MRTDC) to pay P1.03 billion, representing unpaid Development Rights Payment on the undeveloped air space above the MRT stations.

The DOTC said MRTDC, which is a local consortium led by businessman Robert Sobrepeña, had been "remiss in its remittance of the full DRP ... since 2005 in violation of its build, lease and transfer (BLT) agreement."

The Sobrepeña group owned the now-defunct pre-need firm College Assurance Plan (CAP).

"Through all these years to date, this department has never received any communication or legal justification for such delay or nonpayment," then Transportation Secretary Leandro Mendoza said in a Nov. 27, 2009 letter.

The latest letter demanding the payment from MRTDC was sent last June 29.

The fees are supposed to be revenue sources for the government, which heavily subsidizes the train line's operations.

Officials have said that ticket prices paid by the public reflected less than 15 percent of the real cost of riding the train.

However, the Sobrepeña group denied the DOTC's claims, saying that since the consortium never decided to commercially develop the air spaces above the stations, it did not have to pay the government anything.

Under its contract with the government, the company said it had the rights to develop the spaces in question upon completing construction of the train line. However, "the non-exercise of such option triggered the automatic forfeiture" of the spaces in favor of the government, the company said.

The group, in several reply letters, said the DOTC could be held criminally liable for violation of graft and corruption laws if the department kept its position.

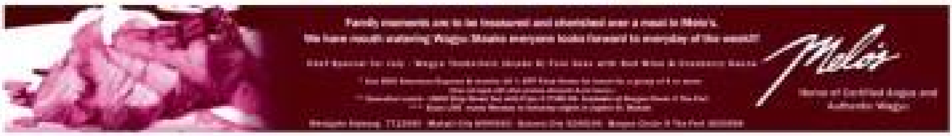
The consortium said that under its contract, the rights to develop the spaces in question should have been auctioned if the government wanted to earn.

Asking the MRTDC to pay DRPs for spaces the company no longer has the rights over would be tantamount to giving a piece of government property to a private entity without going through a transparent bidding process.

"MRTDC is no longer under obligation to continue paying for the DRP" it said. But the company claimed that it had not forfeited the rights to obtain advertising income from the MRT system.

MRTDC likewise said it had "inadvertently" made DRP payments in the past totaling P61.9 million—an amount it is demanding the government to return.





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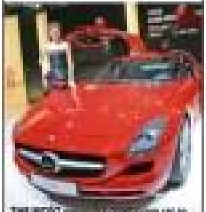
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Market share 2009	34.7%	17.8%	8.2%	14.5%	6.6%	5.6%

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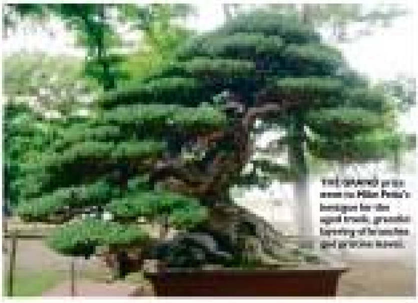


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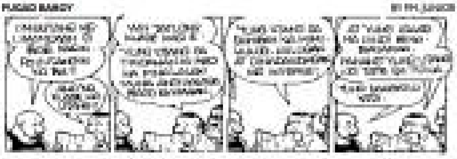
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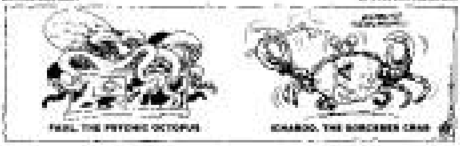
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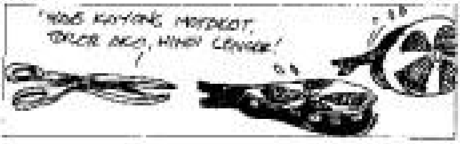
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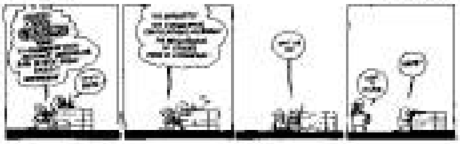
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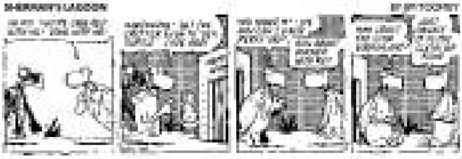




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CONCEPTIS SU DOKU

HOW TO PLAY SU DOKU

Fill the grid so that every column, every row and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 to 9.

Conceptis Sudoku

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Three new state-of-the art home appliances

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KC PARK checking out the French Door Refrigerator



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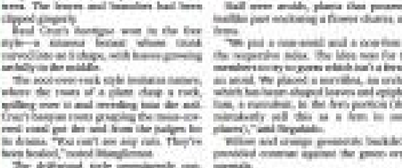


Biggest bonsai show draws visual wonders









Furniture sale up to 50 percent starts July 16





LIFESTYLE Parenting





Tips for would-be soccer moms

How the Younghusband brothers found their footing in football–with Mom and Dad's help

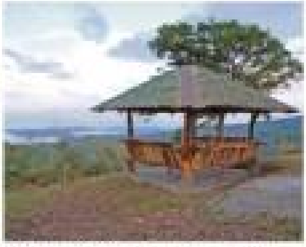
'I'm like, 'Mom!' I'm 22!' but it's okay... the game is so fast you won't have the time to think about your parents'







Born to French nobility, Olivia mines mix-culture parentage for innovative works

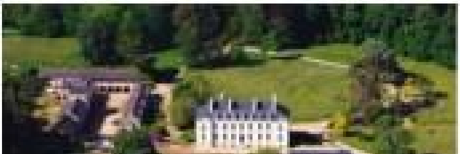


From France to Puerto Galera, hers was a childhood that inspired art











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Special gala night of 'Two Funerals' at CCP



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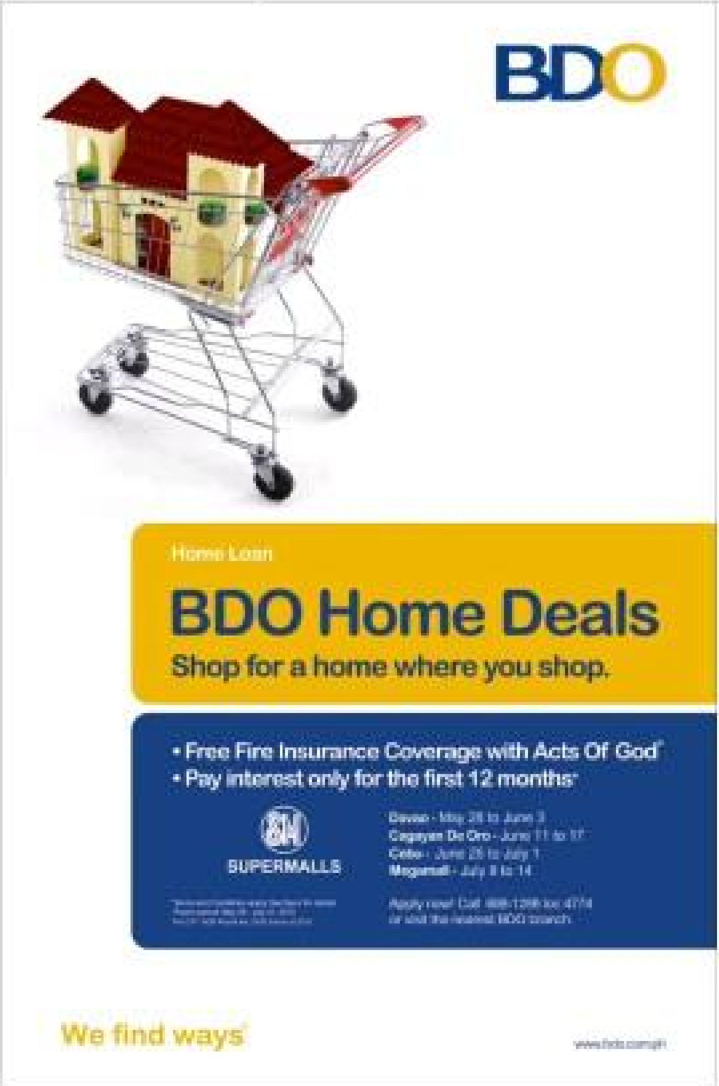
Taste of 'gindara'



How soon we forget

THE CONSUMER
Linda B. Bolido

Feedback





SM DEVELOPMENT Corp.'s My Place image model Kim Chiu flanked by (from left) daughter SM ... Jessica Manuela Sy and Henry Sy Jr.



SMDC president Rogelio Cabuling



SOSA Que, SMDC operations SVP



DETTI Reyes, SMDC AVP for marketing and Mica Clemente, SM Investment Corp. corporate marketing head

New chic condo dwellings launched in Quezon City



DUSIT Thani Manila senior PR and events manager Bonafe Pabug, Tourism Undersecretary Oscar Palabyab, guest chef Stephanie Zubiri and Dusit Thani's F&B head Gilbert Uy



US EMBASSY's Bob ... and staff Harry, Dusit Thani banquet sales manager Teaca Cruz, US Embassy's Mark Torres and Mac Mauricio, and Dusit Thani assistant director of sales Jamie Guevarra



STEPHANIE Zubiri with her gang (standing) Sandra Gamboa, Reuben Cheval Sy, Sandi Dingaba and Sigrid Villareal



PROUD mom Vicky Zubiri with daughter Stephanie Zubiri and Thai Airways GM Nirut Chanharnchai



ANA Garcia Zubiri, Stephanie and her brother Manuel Zubiri



CHRISTINE Cancino of Wealth Magazine and Francis de Leon



SAM Yap, Bien Bihasa's Khristine Chilatin, Singapore Airlines GM Andrew Bollinan, Richard Tio and Liz Almario

PICTURE THIS, BALANGGAS: YOU wake up in a fabulous morning, sunlight streaming through designer curtains. You go downstairs to sip your favorite cappuccino, while checking boutique lifestyle outlets. Doesn't this picture of independent living sound good? Well, thanks to the newest condominium project by the mall-anchor team of SM Development Corp. (SMDC), this dream has come true.

My Place, a concept to take chic independent living, will rise in the up-and-coming South Triangle of Quezon City close to the two giant TV stations and countless lifestyle hubs. It has a ClubScape Garden Lounge for those who just want to unwind while sipping a margarita, and its own Save More Supermarket, no less.

The My Place launch at One Esplanade had that brilliant visionary behind the project, Henry Sy Jr., no less, dahlings. He was joined by his daughter, Jessica Manuela, as well as the face of My Place, the prettiest face on television, Kim Chiu, and other bosses and executives of SMDC.

And for extras, My Place comes with My Place, My Design, which allows future residents to go all out in making their home as lavish as they wish. Want to Hugo a line like

WITHOUT BATTING AN EYELASH

Maurice Arcache



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MY PLACE project director Irene Landicho and architect Albert Yu of Aqua Design

"Party at My Place, dahlings!" Check out SMDC's hottest residential condominium project and start living the fab life you've always wanted.

For more info, call 8580500 or 0917-5000011, pahlingges.

Great event at Nova

Everybody 2 has even teemed with tons of action taking place especially at the park lining 6-5. The event featured Nova's blend of music at the mezzanine floor and excellent food served by Nova's awesome chef Rod Sapio and super sexy, eye-catching Melon Sanchez at the ground floor and luxury patio, dahlings.

Well, it was a another night of fun, booze, good company and great music as Manila Magazine's and Christina Brotigan aka "My Soul Sister" did it again. We just could not help ourselves from dancing to her kind of sounds.

Honestly cocktails flowed as four wonderful people celebrated another fantastic year: showbiz AA Arapisa, Bobby Yaogie, sters, attractive Maxi Taylor and energy plus RJ Ledesma. Three lucky lion had their cake and ate it too, pahingges, as Bulgari gifted them with Bulgari ... and Bvlgari Pour Homme. The next one is coming soon with another special guest DJ Omelet from Brazil and another set of beautiful celebrants. Here's a hint: It will be an all-female affair where you'll be surrounded by beauties and personalities. Check out Nova's Mezzanine on July 24, 8:00 on a summer, dahlings.

Philippine independence celebration

Lines of cars led to Dusit Thani Manila as the hotel officially marked their celebration of the Philippines' 112th Independence. It was led by director of food and beverage Gilbert Uy, who opened "Philippine Cuisine, Looking Back... Looking Forward."

The week-long awesome event at Basa all-day dining restaurant featured excellent Filipino dishes created with a twist by renowned guest chef and my goddaughter, creative and talented Stephanie Zubiri.

The grand opening highlights were the classic Pasos de Baile performed by the F&B staff of the hotel, and the unique introduction of guest chef Stephanie Zubiri, who was carried on two bamboos while waving to all the guests.

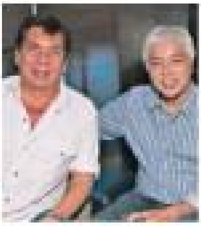
The excellently prepared all-original contemporary Filipino dishes of Stephanie included Albondigas Inboras, cashew and pork albondigas in tomato sauce and incredible Balsamic Beef Adobo (beef adobo cooked using balsamic vinegar).

Chefs Colmenares and ... fried three servings of the Kinil Express Chicken; Lechon Kawali Bachon kawali with soy, mustard and tarragon vinaigrette; Shrimp Fries Filipino Way; New Leda Bistek; Pinatubo Corned Beef; Salmon Kinilaw (salmon cooked in vinegar); and Sinigang Bouillabaisse. It was followed by the yummy desserts like Coconut Tangkul Panna Cotta with Red Ninoy Coulis and Lavender Tuiles. Wow!

Dusit Thani Manila's Independence Celebration was in partnership with Coke Pacific, San Miguel Pilipinas, SMC, Pearl Home Beach Resorts and Mica Realty.



BIRTHDAY CELEBRATORS: Actress Maxi Taylor, Lifes Magazine editor and TV host RJ Ledesma and AA Arapisa of Nova



HUNG'S main man Louie Tomuel and businessman Tom Reyes Cabili Jr.



CHRISTINE San Diego, JR Isaac and Bea Constantino



ROBB Joseph, Krystal Lao and Angela Narvasi Sharma



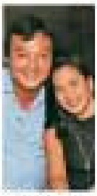
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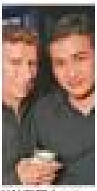
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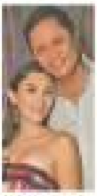
GIRLS in the house Mique Dizon, Kris Kalimag, Kaea Tronilla and Cherie Rancel



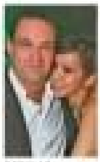
ALBERT Lim and Gina Campos



MAURICE Arcache and photographer Norman Lleno



COCOY Flores and Chiki Melo



POPULAR businessman Duane Gonzales with his favorite gal and celebrator of sorts AA Arapisa

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Out of the box, out of the blue



Through fire and rain, these Cinemalaya New Breed filmmakers have prevailed

One of them had to reshoot everything in the final leg

'Toy Story' biggest film of the year—and of Walt Disney Co. unit, too





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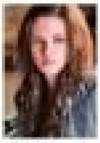
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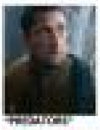
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Top 10 films at the US box office

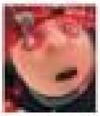


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3	Predators
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New entrant



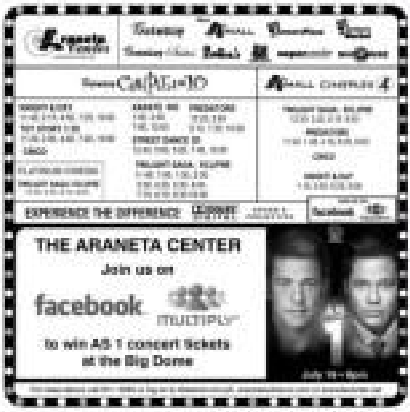
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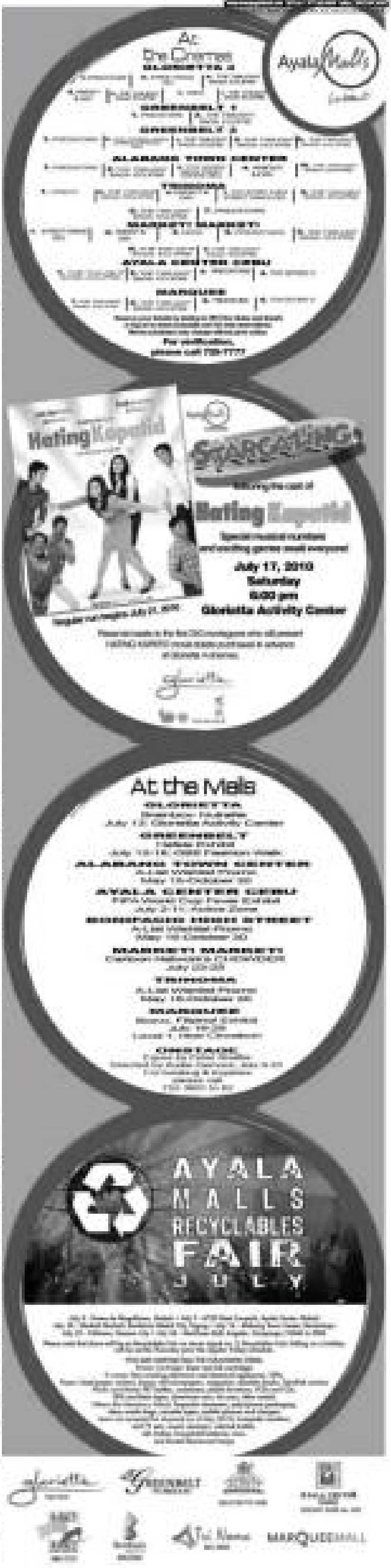


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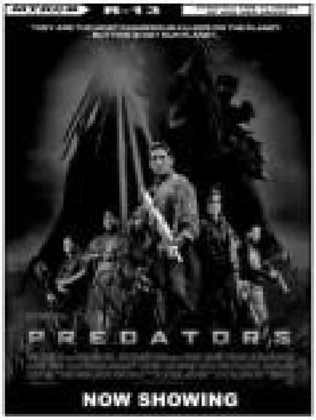


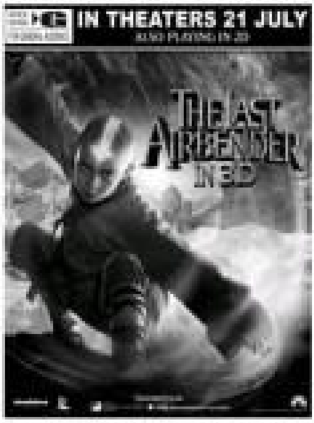




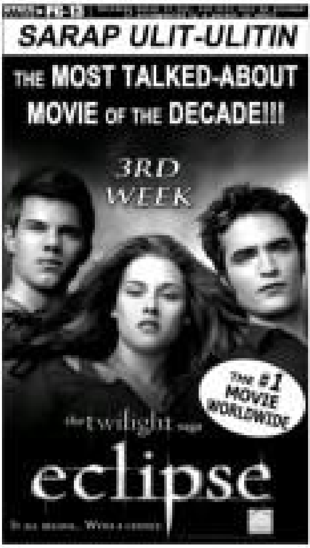
Out of the box, out of the blue

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Hunk torn between…

Top of the talk shows



WILLIAM Martinez and Yayo Aguila



3-D or not 3-D, and a casting coup

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Unique twist for a game show

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New benefactor

Boss' new love 2

Married!

